Metalinks PaperPC platform integrating A2iA's artificial intelligence engine.

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Metalinks - the french world leading company on handwritten data capture solutions based on the Anoto functionality – is proud to announce its partnership with A2iA, world leader on artificial intelligence oriented on Intelligent character & forms recognition.

Metalinks' PaperPC Technology platform collects through digital pens handwritten notes, drawings, ticked boxes and any other data executed on forms or any other paper supports. It integrates it at the heart of customers' information system, through its native formats and/or conventional email/SMS/MMS or Fax, managing real-time reporting on standard residential & mobile devices.

Metalinks solutions are available outsourced on mutualised or dedicated servers - or fully inhoused, naturally integrating most complex customers' business rules.

 "We survey since 3 years the progress of this powerfull technology providing company : A2IA has expanded its initial very specialised engine dedicated to demanding bank check analysis up to wider artificial intelligence problematics, like document open structure and content comprehension", says Barthélemy Gilles - founder and CEO of Metalinks. "They master key components wich will contribute to place high the sphere we are buiding ", he stated.

"We are particularly happy to sign this partnership with Metalinks. This business and technological agreement allows our two companies to merge two sharp technologies toward an innovative solution and widen the possibilities in terms of intelligent recognition. By signing this partnership with Metalinks, we enrich the PaperPC offer and access to new niche markets : real time handwritten data acquisition», concludes Jean-Louis Fages, CEO of A2iA.

The major PaperPC Technology's immediate advantage is the capability to combine instant handwritten data capture through very conventional interface – pen & paper – without users' practices modification, real time integration to their respective industry ruled processing environment, while capitalising on the intrinsic properties of the paper support and solving conventional screen/keyboard interface limitations e.g. outdoor use, physical duplication traceability, format limitation, confort & intuitivity of use, signature authentication, etc.

Metalinks market fields belong to the following industries and services domains:
Banking, Insurance, Loss adjusters, Logistics, Aeronautics, Armament, Maintainance, Health, Institutions, Education, Stationery and everywhere pen & paper are used for data acquisition.

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About Metalinks
Based in Bourg-La-Reine (France), 20 minutes from central Paris, Metalinks is a HW/SW solution editor specialized on alternative interface conception and development. Metalinks' specific characteristic is to integrate internally high marketing and technical skills, allowing permanent powerfull R&D with short time to market delivery.
Metalinks' solutions solve the problems faced by conventional screen/keyboard interfaces that seem to have reached their limit in numerous applications. It has focused on repositioning the movement of the hand as the heart of the process of individual added value generation. The company has developed the currently most advanced Anoto functionality based solutions.
The PaperPC™ Technology makes the fusion between a powerful infrastructure hosted by NTT, the best cursive and scripted handwriting recognition engines and scaled knowledge management oriented architectures.
For further information please visit us at : www.metalinks.net

About A2IA
A2iA (Image Analysis & Artificial Intelligence), member of Croissance Plus and of the Richelieu comity, is a worldwide leader on cursive and scripted handwritten character recognition. Thanks to its full innovation strategy A2iA is present on four markets : payments means and methods, bank check acquisition with *A2iA CheckReader*; document automatic reading (structured documents management) with *A2iA FieldReader*; closed enveloppes management with *A2iA AddressReader* (reading the adresses directly on the enveloppe), and handwritten nonstructured documents with *A2iA DocumentReader*.
More information on A2IA at : www.a2ia.com